

WORLD ANTIBIOTIC

Awareness Week

WAAW 2023: “Preventing antimicrobial resistance together.”

18th to 24th of November is World Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Awareness Week or WAAW. It is a global campaign celebrated annually to improve awareness and understanding of AMR and encourage best practices among the public and health stakeholders, who all play a critical role in reducing the further emergence and spread of AMR.

AMR is a threat to humans, animals, plants and the environment. It affects us all.



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Antibiotic Amnesty

Antibiotics should never be saved for later or shared with others — remind patients to hand in their old or unused antibiotics to their local pharmacies and veterinary practices. **Keep Antibiotics Working!** — prescribe when necessary, take only for as long as needed and dispose of safely.

[NICE guideline 237: Suspected acute respiratory infection in over 16s: assessment at first presentation and initial management.](#)

This guideline covers assessment of people aged 16 and over with symptoms and signs of acute respiratory infection (bacterial or viral). It also covers the initial management of any infections.

ANTIBIOTIC RESOURCES

◆ **Adult (over 16 years)**

[Respiratory Tract Infection leaflet](#)

[RTI pictorial leaflet](#)

[Managing common infection](#)

[Leaflets to discuss with patients](#)

◆ **Children — for parents and carers**

[Safety netting & parent info sheets](#)

[Cough and cold](#)

[e-Bug: Beat the Bugs Community Course](#)

◆ **WHO AMR 2023 Campaign**

[Antibiotics to treat bacterial infections](#)

[Overuse and misuse of antibiotics](#)

[All life is connected](#)

[Antimicrobials: prevent, control & treat](#)



AMS PODCAST CORNER :

Recurrent UTIs — The guest speaker, Dr Vivienne Weston, Consultant Microbiologist from Nottingham University Hospital, discussed recurrent urinary tract infections (rUTI) in a Q&A format.

Acne — Dr Claire Manktelow, GP at the University of Nottingham Health Service, discussed acne treatment. Dr Jane Ravenscroft, Consultant Dermatologist at NUH, was also consulted during the podcast production.

How to set up a delayed antimicrobial prescription on SystemOne?

— A demonstration of how to set up a delayed prescription on SystemOne. Delayed antibiotics are shown to be effective in reducing antibiotic use without increasing the risk of complications.

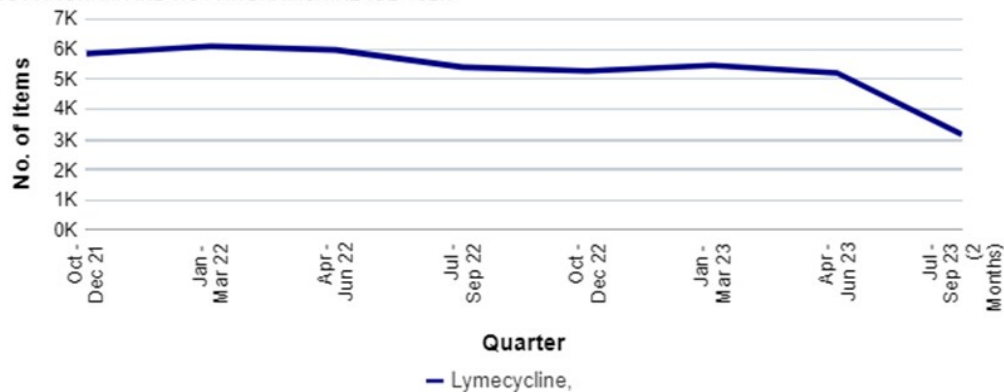
Update on the review of oral antimicrobials for acne indication on repeat prescription

This review took place between Nov 22 and March 23, and the results were discussed with practices and details provided of those patients who may benefit from a review. Following this review, the number of lymecycline items (considered a proxy marker) has significantly reduced in Nottinghamshire.

Trend over time - Items

BNF 5.1 Chemical Substance Items

NHS NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ICB - 52R



Source: ePACT2

Please keep reviewing these patients and aim to limit the systemic antimicrobial treatment for acne to 12 weeks (see Vol 3 Issue 2 for further information and results of the review).

Please also listen to our [Acne podcast](#) by Dr Manktelow for further guidance on how to review these patients.

The individual practice data for an acne treatment indicator showing % acne patients age 15-39 with doxycycline or lymecycline issued in the last 3 months, also issued a formulary topical acne treatment in the last 3 months can be viewed on [eHealthscope](#) under Data > Community wide KPIs > Prescribing.

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